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HOUSE RESOLUTION

8 REQUESTING THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
9 TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE DESIRABILITY AND
10 FEASIBILITY OF REQUIRING FULLY REFLECTIVE FRONT AND REAR
11 LICENSE PLATES TO BE ISSUED FOR MOTOR VEHICLES IN ARKANSAS
12 AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY, THE STATE POLICE, THE ARKANSAS SHERIFFS
14 ASSOCIATION, THE ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE,
15 AND THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT NO
16 LATER THAN JULY 1, 1998.

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28 WHEREAS, reports from the Federal Bureau of Investigation reveal that
29 more than 1.6 million motor vehicles are stolen each year; and

30 WHEREAS, these thefts represent a motor vehicle stolen every twenty-two
31 (22) seconds; and

32 WHEREAS, monetary losses from motor vehicle thefts exceed eight billion
33 dollars each year; and

34 WHEREAS, vehicles often are stolen to be used in the commission of
35 serious crimes such as robbery and homicide, and the quick recovery of such
36 vehicles can prevent these crimes; and

1 WHEREAS, similarities in the design features of many vehicles make
2 positive identification most difficult; and

3 WHEREAS, law enforcement officers most often meet stolen vehicles on the
4 highway rather than overtaking them; and

5 WHEREAS, fully reflectorized license plates are the same color day and
6 night, thus enabling officers to determine quickly the state of registration
7 by the design and color of the plate; and

8 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Arkansas
9 Sheriffs Association, the Arkansas State Trooper Association, the National
10 Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriffs Association, and the
11 National Trooper Coalition have all adopted resolutions supporting the use of
12 both front and rear fully reflective license plates on motor vehicles; and

13 WHEREAS, it is reported that thirty-two of the states already require
14 both front and rear fully reflective license plates; and

15 WHEREAS, the National Safety Council has determined that the use and
16 periodic reissuance of fully reflective front and rear license plates for
17 motor vehicles is an integral part of any day-night conspicuity program for
18 vehicle safety;

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20 NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 That the House Interim Committee on Public Transportation conduct a
25 study of the desirability and feasibility of requiring fully reflective front
26 and rear license plates to be issued for motor vehicles in Arkansas and to
27 report its findings to the Governor, the General Assembly, the State Police,
28 the Arkansas Sheriffs Association, the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of
29 Police, and the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department no later than
30 July 1, 1998.

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